

Claims

Claims 1-14, 17-18 and 22-25 are cancelled.

Claims 26-38 are new.

Claims 15 was previously presented.

Claim 16 is currently amended.

Claims 19-21 are original.

1-14. **(Cancelled)**

15. **(Previously Presented)** A method of permanently supporting an elongate member from a surface or near surface offshore oilfield production structure, the elongate member extending downward from the structure toward one of a seabed or another structure and having a supported surface affixed to the elongate member, the method comprising:

fixing a mounting bracket to the structure;

positioning a closed throat receptacle basket about the elongate member, the receptacle basket having a throughbore therein for receiving the elongate member and a basket supporting surface for planar engagement with the supported surface on the elongate member; and

thereafter suspending an assembly including the receptacle basket and the elongate member from the mounting bracket for supporting the receptacle basket therefrom and thereby supporting the elongate member.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:

forming a bore in the receptacle basket relative to an outer surface of the receptacle basket such that, when the supported surface of the elongate member is supported on the receptacle basket, the elongate member will be positioned at a selected azimuth and declination relative to the offshore structure.

17-18 (Cancelled)

19. **(Original)** The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:
mounting the receptacle basket on the mounting bracket such that the receptacle basket is movable relative to the mounting bracket.

20. **(Original)** The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:
adjusting an adjustment member to alter an angular position of the receptacle basket relative to the mounting bracket.

21. **(Original)** The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:
providing a stop to limit axial downward movement of the receptacle basket relative to the elongate member.

22-25 (Cancelled)

26. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 15, wherein the elongate member includes a flex joint or stress joint in engagement with the receptacle basket.

27. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 15, wherein one of the mounting bracket and the receptacle bracket includes a projecting formation and the other of the mounting bracket and receptacle bracket includes a receiving formation.

28. **(New)** A method of supporting an elongate member on a mounting bracket from a surface or near a surface offshore oilfield production structure, the elongate member extending downward from the structure toward one of a seabed or another structure and having a supported surface affixed to the elongate member, the method comprising:

positioning a closed throat receptacle basket about the elongate member, the receptacle basket having a throughbore therein for receiving the elongate member and

a basket supporting surface for planar engagement with the supported surface on the elongate member; and

thereafter suspending an assembly including the receptacle basket and the elongate member from the mounting bracket for supporting the receptacle basket therefrom and thereby supporting the elongate member.

29. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 28, further comprising:
forming a bore in the receptacle basket relative to an outer surface of the receptacle basket such that, when the supported surface of the elongate member is supported on the receptacle basket, the elongate member will be positioned at a selected azimuth and declination relative to the offshore structure.

30. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 28, further comprising:
mounting the receptacle basket on the mounting bracket such that the receptacle basket is movable relative to the mounting bracket.

31. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 28, further comprising:
adjusting an adjustment member to alter an angular position of the receptacle basket relative to the mounting bracket.

32. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 28, further comprising:
providing a stop to limit axial downward movement of the receptacle basket relative to the elongate member.

33. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 28, wherein the elongate member includes a flex joint or stress joint in engagement with the receptacle basket.

34. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 28, wherein one of the mounting bracket and the receptacle bracket includes a projecting formation and the other of the mounting bracket and receptacle bracket includes a receiving formation.

35. **(New)** A method of supporting a flex joint or stress joint of an elongate member on a mounting bracket from a surface or near a surface offshore oilfield production structure the elongate member extending downward from the structure toward one of a seabed or another structure and having a supported surface affixed to the elongate member, the method comprising:

forming a bore in the receptacle basket relative to an outer surface of the receptacle basket such that, when the supported surface of the elongate member is supported on the receptacle basket, the elongate member will be positioned at a selected azimuth and declination relative to the offshore structure;

positioning a closed throat receptacle basket about the elongate member, the receptacle basket having a throughbore therein for receiving the elongate member and a basket supporting surface for planar engagement with the supported surface on the elongate member;

providing a stop to limit axial downward movement of the receptacle basket relative to the elongate member; and

thereafter suspending an assembly including the receptacle basket and the elongate member from the mounting bracket for supporting the receptacle basket therefrom and thereby supporting the elongate member.

36. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 35, further comprising:

mounting the receptacle basket on the mounting bracket such that the receptacle basket is movable relative to the mounting bracket.

37. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 35, further comprising:

adjusting an adjustment member to alter an angular position of the receptacle basket relative to the mounting bracket.

38. **(New)** The method as defined in Claim 35, wherein one of the mounting bracket and the receptacle bracket includes a projecting formation and the other of the mounting bracket and receptacle bracket includes a receiving formation.